

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**October 16, 2003**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 16, 2003. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to a meeting room at the Hilton for a Committee-of the-Whole work session.

**The following members were present:** Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Ms. Veldore Young and Mr. George Walker. *Members Absent: Mr. Noal Akin, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Warren and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.*

**SBCJC staff present:** Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mrs. Denise Walley and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

**Guests present:** Dr. Bill Smith – IHL, and Dr. Cathy Grace – Early Childhood Institute (MSU).

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., and he welcomed everyone.

Dr. Cathy Grace, Professor of Education and Director of the Early Childhood Institute at Mississippi State University, gave a presentation outlining the role of the community and junior colleges regarding educating all citizens on the importance of life-long learning. Dr. Grace advised supporting the development of a system of care and education for Mississippi's children, offering courses at non-traditional times and days of the week that can articulate to universities, actively recruiting early childhood teachers in childcare and family care to pursue a degree, and providing competent front-line early childhood educators to prepare competent early childhood teachers for childcare and education programs.

Dr. Stonecypher discussed the Occupational Diploma memo that was handed out at the September meeting. The Board will be asked at tomorrow's meeting to give Dr. Stonecypher authorization to approve payment to colleges on students who receive an occupational diploma and attend the community colleges, with a two-year trial period of tracking the students' progress as a condition.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert explained changes that were made in the contract between SBCJC and MDE regarding Post-Secondary Vocational-Technical education. A copy of the revised contract is listed as "Exhibit E" in the October 17, 2003 Board Meeting minutes. This will also be an action item on the agenda for the regular board meeting.

Dr. Stonecypher, Mr. Walker, and Dexter Holloway will be at the MDE Board Meeting on October 23, 2003 to report on the progress of Workforce Education since it was moved to the SBCJC in 1999. Dr. Webb and other SBCJC staff are working with the Workforce Center Directors to distribute a survey to businesses that have been trained through the Centers; the results of this survey will be part of the presentation to MDE.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

1. Education Enhancement Funds 4080 and 4110 for the month of September 30, 2003, in the total amount of \$1,840,343.64.
2. Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements for October (\$1,274,153), November (\$1,274,153) and December (\$1,274,153).
3. Amendment to Blackboard contract for an extension from January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004, in the total amount of \$107,500.
4. Change Order to the Agreement with GCR & Associates, Inc. to provide five years of application support in the total amount of \$103,050.
5. Dr. Larry Day shared information regarding the Quarterly Capital Improvement Report.
6. Financial Statement for Funds 2291 and Special Funds, as of September 30, 2003.

Dr. Randall Bradberry reported that there were no new program requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

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